

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas Massachusetts has 7,755 farms, preserving 523,000 acres of open space; and

Whereas Farmers' markets are a crucial marketing venue for farmers in Massachusetts, helping to ensure the continued viability of family farms; and

Whereas Farmers' markets create economic vitality for both Massachusetts farms and communities; and

Whereas Farmers' markets are part of the cultural tradition of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas The Commonwealth is home to more than 285 summer and winter farmers' markets; and

Whereas Farmers' markets provide access to fresh, healthy foods to all citizens of the Commonwealth by participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program; and

Whereas It is befitting for the citizens of Massachusetts to celebrate farmers' markets' impact on the economy of the Commonwealth and to their contributions to public health;

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of August 2nd-8th, 2015 to be,

FARMER'S MARKET WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this Fifteenth day of June, in the year two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts